

persons employed in the mineral sector are duly protected under the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and the related legislation.

(c) to (f) The National Mineral Policy, 1993 envisages foreign equity investments in joint ventures in mining promoted by Indian companies to be encouraged. Further the foreign investment in equity would normally be limited to 50%, this limitation would not apply to any captive mines of any mineral processing industry. Enhanced equity holding can also be considered from case to case basis. The grant of mineral concessions is governed by the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and the Rules made thereunder.

[Translation]

Construction of Overbridge

4233. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI PRATAP SINGH SAINI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places where overbridges have been constructed on level crossings in Uttar Pradesh during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the details of proposals pending for construction of overbridges in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the overbridges proposed to be constructed in Uttar Pradesh in near future;

(d) whether the Government have received any representation regarding construction of overbridge at Amroha railway level crossing; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The work can be considered on deposit terms if State Government sponsors proposal for the same.

Statement

(a) 1994-95

(1) Near Mau station in lieu of L.C. No. 'O' spl. between Mau-Indara stations.

(2) Near Deoria Sadar Railway station in lieu of L.C. No. 130-A between Deoria Sadar and Baitapur railway stations.

(3) Road Over Bridge at Shahjanpur in lieu of L.C. No. 332-A.

1995-96

(4) Near Badshah Nagar (Lucknow) in lieu of L.C. No. 4 ML on N-H. 28.

1996-97

(5) Road Over Bridge at Ahraura Road-Jeonathpur in lieu of L.C. No. 116-A.

(6) Road Over Bridge at Rai-Bareilly in lieu of L.C. No. 26-A.

(b) (1) Iradatganj Road Over Bridge in lieu of L.C. NO. 430-A on Jabalpur-Allahabad section.

(2) Jajau-Road Over Bridge in lieu of L.C. No. 478-A on Jhansi Delhi section.

(3) Orai Road Over Bridge in lieu of L.C. No. 182-B, Jhansi-Kanpur section.

(c) (1) *Iradatganj Road Over Bridge*. Proposal received in March 72, General Arrangement Drawing approved. Ministry of Surface Transport's approval awaited.

(2) *Jajau Road Over Bridge*. Proposal received in Oct. 72 from UP Government, location changed for which Ministry of Surface Transport's approval awaited;

(3) *Orai Road Over Bridge*. Proposal received in Nov. 1989 from UP Government road alignment suggested have to be changed as it was falling in Railway land.

(4) Road Over Bridge near Badshah Nagar (Lucknow) Railway station in lieu of L.C. No. 3 ML has been sanctioned for which State PWD yet to convey acceptance of General Arrangement Drawing and Detailed Estimate of approaches.

(5) Road Over Bridge near Eye Hospital Kanpur in lieu of L.C. No. 6 spl. Municipal Corporation yet to convey acceptance to Detailed Estimate.

(6) Road Over Bridge at Partapur on Delhi-Saharanpur section at Km. 59/6-7.

(7) Road Over Bridge at Hathras on Ghaziabad-Kanpur section.

(8) Road Over Bridge on Ghaziabad-Kanpur section on Ramghat Road, Aligarh.

(9) Road Over Bridge at Sakoti Tanda on Delhi-Saharanpur section.

(10) Road Under Bridge on Delhi-Ghaziabad section at Gaushala Road, Ghaziabad.

(11) Road Over Bridge at Ramnagar on deposit terms.

[English]

Betul Radio Station

4234. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether 35 percent population of Betul district in Madhya Pradesh is tribal/aboriginal;

(b) if so, the number of hours given for broadcasting the tribal language programmes like Gondee and Korkee; and

(c) the number of hours allotted to broadcasting agricultural, sanitary and health related subjects for the rural education during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Betul, being a Local Radio Station, broadcasts programmes in the principal language of the area i.e. Hindi. In addition, folk music in Gondee is also broadcast for 20 minutes on an average every week regularly. No programme is broadcast in Korkee.

(c) During the last 3 years, the Station broadcast everyday a programme of 30 minutes duration devoted to agriculture, health, sanitation, and related subjects.

[Translation]

Telephone Facility in Hospitals in U.P.

4235. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals in U.P. which have been provided free telephone so far;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide 'trip facility' during 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) Sir. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

TDM, Ghaziabad

4236. COL. RAO RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the office of Telecom Divisional Manager, Ghaziabad is functioning;

(b) whether the Government propose to upgrade the office of TDM to GMT;

(c) since when the present GMT Ghaziabad is posted and the number of telephones provided in Ghaziabad since the TDM's office started functioning; and

(d) the details of the transfer order of A.E.'s issued during the regime of the present GMT and the reasons for so many transfers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The office of TDM Ghaziabad was functioning from April 1986 to October, 1990.

(b) The office of TDM Ghaziabad was upgraded to G.M. Telecom Ghaziabad in October, 1990.

(c) The present GMT is posted at Ghaziabad from 30.1.1996 and number of telephones provided in Ghaziabad since the TDM office started working is 1,05,689.

(d) The details of the transfer of AEs issued during the regime of present GMT alongwith the reasons are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Regarding: Transfer of A.E.'s

Total 47 transfer orders have been issued and all are in the interest of service due to vast expansion of Ghaziabad Telecom. Net-work and installation of new technology equipments including transmission media. Main reasons for transfers are detailed below: (Total 47 officers were effected).

No. of transfer	Reason
6.	To the interest of training including foreign training.
6.	In the interest of installation of new technology equipments.
6.	De to creation of new posts.
1.	Due to commissioning of new exchanges.
1.	Due to retirement of AE's.
8.	Vacancy caused due to promotion of AE's/ ADE's to D.E.,
A.	Most of the transfer orders have been issued at the same stations and in the same buildings to avoid disturbance to the officers.
B.	Not a single representation against any of the transfer orders from any officer has been received so far.

Safety in Mines

4237. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the effectiveness of mine safety arrangements and standards;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the review;

(c) the details of recommendations made at 27th International Conference on safety in mines research institutes; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) A sub-committee of the consultative committee of the Ministry of Labour which